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FOR
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Application Number

10/074,713

Filing Date

February 13, 2002

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Examiner Name

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1791.003

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

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- i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other Amendment Transmittal

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

- b. Other _____

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

Applicant(s): Van Acker

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Invention: SAFETY SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR BOSUN'S CHAIR

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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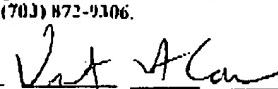
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